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SUBJ: ILO GOVERNING BODY: WRAP UP OF WEEK ONE

REF: A. GENEVA 1059, B. GENEVA 1178, C. GENEVA 1193, D. GENEVA 1188

1. ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE: CHINA QUESTION WAS DEFERRED (WHEN CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED "CONSULTATIONS" WERE UNDERWAY) BUT MAY BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT WEEK'S SESSION (REFTELS A AND B). DISCUSSION ON NEW SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS (TO FOLLOW UN SCALE CHANGES) WAS INCONCLUSIVE, WITH SOME FAVORING YEAR-BY-YEAR CHANGES IN ILO SCALE AND OTHERS (JAPAN, FRG AND USSR) FAVORING TWO-YEAR SCALE FOR 78-79. JAPAN ALSO URGED REDUCING TOTAL BUDGET, TO REDUCE INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS, AND WANTED "SPECIAL CONSIDERATION" FOR MEMBERS WHOSE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS WAS BEING SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED. USDEL DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE, WHICH WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK.

2. PROGRAM, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (PFAC):

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A. USDEL MADE BRIEF REMARKS ON IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN SUPPORT OF NEW STATUTE FOR UN JOINT INSPECTION UNIT.

B. FOLLOWING DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REMARKS ON 1978-79 BUDGET (BEING POUCHED) DEBATE BEGAN ON GENERAL ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO REMARKS ON CHINA AND WORKING

CAPITAL FUND (REFTEL B) MANY SPEAKERS MADE CRITICAL REMARKS ON EXCESSIVE INFLATION RATE, UNJUSTIFIED "REAL" SALARY INCREASES, AND LACK OF DETAILED PLANNING TO CUT PROGRAMS IF US WITHDRAWS (INCLUDING OPPOSITION TO 65 PER CENT PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS IN 1978) WHICH CLOSELY PARALLELED POSITIONS TAKEN IN GENEVA GROUP (REFTEL C). ALMOST ALL SPEAKERS REFERRED TO POSSIBLE US WITHDRAWAL AND MANY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN. SEVERAL SPEAKERS SUPPORTED CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR BUDGET OF \$152 MILLION, AND AGREED THAT PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$169 MILLION WAS 17 PER CENT INCREASE OVER PRECEDING BIENNIAL RATHER THAN 5 PER CENT AS DESCRIBED BY ILO OFFICE. SEVERAL GOVT REPS REFERRED TO DIFFICULTY THEY WOULD HAVE IN GETTING APPROVAL FOR ILO ASSESSMENTS BY THEIR PARLIAMENTS IF PROGRAM INCREASES SEEMED TO DISREGARD WORLD RECESSION AND NEED FOR AUSTERITY. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES STRESSED NEED FOR MORE FUNDS IN REGULAR BUDGET FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WHILE GENEVA GROUP REPRESENTATIVES SAID THESE SHOULD BE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. FOLLOWING REMARKS BY USDEL (REFTEL D), AFL-CIO REPRESENTATIVE BROWN SPOKE, FOCUSING ON NEED TO STRENGTHEN ILO'S ROLE IN HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY TRADE UNION RIGHTS. HE SAID THIS WAS "CRUNCH" ISSUE AND ENDED HIS REMARKS WITH REFERENCE TO NOV 5, 1975 LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW, SAYING "I AM RELATIVELY CERTAIN THAT IF THIS CAN BE DONE (I.E. IMPROVE ILO'S EFFECTIVENESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON HUMAN RIGHTS) THIS WILL STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THOSE OF US WHO THINK THE U.S. SHOULD STAY IN THE ILO. THIS WILL NOT ONLY SOLVE THE ILO'S MONEY PROBLEMS BUT ALSO STRENGTHEN THE ILO."

4. DEBATE ON INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS WAS ROUTINE.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF CONSENSUS IN PFAC ON SEVERAL KEY ISSUES (PROJECTED INFLATION RATE, SALARY INCREASES, CONTINGENCY PLAN TO CUT PROGRAMS IF US WITHDRAWS, OPPOSITION TO ADVANCE PAYMENTS IN 1978, AND DOUBT ABOUT CHINA/WCF PROPOSAL) DG PRESUMABLY WILL MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS ON ALL THESE POINTS. PFAC SEEMED INTENT ON CONFRONTING POSSIBILITY OF US WITHDRAWAL AND IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF THIS CONCERN HAS USEFUL IMPACT ON OTHER ISSUES ARISING IN STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE AND GB PLENARY. CATTO

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